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MEMORANDUM

TO: UNPS Patrons
FROM: Darren Wolfe, UNPS School Board President
DATE: February 18, 2019
RE: Public Concerns

As board president, I wanted to address several issues raised by members of our community and provide some additional information. Recently, a contractor of the school was arrested and his charges were covered by the news stations. Mr. Schoenfelder was not an employee of the school. The school contracted with him to perform maintenance work and leased equipment from him. The administration immediately terminated the school's contract with him and directed him to remain off school grounds without permission.

As part of the board's response, we are looking into enhancing our procedures for background checks on both employees and independent contractors. Although the administration followed the appropriate processes which are consistent with how schools hire contractors, the board and administration believe we should look at increasing the level of background screening we do for anyone in the school building, especially when students are present. The board intends to review our background check process, policies, and practices and allow our administrators to conduct more detailed background checks whenever possible. We all want to protect our students and staff, and we do appreciate community members voicing their concerns and support for us looking into enhanced background checks and other ways to better secure our school and educate students.